



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

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Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights & Measures

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

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Patricia Beard	William Morebeck
James Brenner	Vicky Morris
Paul Ferrari	John Nitta
Wayne Vineyard	

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2007

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patti Beard, Paul Ferrari, Jim Brenner, Larry Jordan, John Nitta, Vicky Morris, William Morebeck, Wayne Vineyard

Members Absent: None

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Wayne Vineyard.
 - II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 10, 2007 AND MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2007.**
Motion to approve:
Aguilar/Beard/MPUV
 - III. **PUBLIC COMMENT (The Commission does not act on items under Public Comment).** Supervisor Holmes welcomed Larry Jordan as the Timber Industry representative on the Agricultural Commission and thanked the Commission for their work on the Winery Ordinance.
 - IV. **PROPOSED WILLIAMSON ACT - JOHN AND JERRIE MCLAUGHLIN, CONTRACT #PAGP 20070692** - Alex Fisch, Planning Department
Motion to approve:
Morebeck/Brenner/MPUV
Pattie Beard recused herself from the motion and Paul Ferrari abstained from voting.
 - V. **PUBLIC WORKS - Ken Grehm**, Director, Placer County Public Works Department
Discussion of potential impacts on rural bridges from Hwy 65 Bypass construction.
 - VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **Agricultural Marketing Program Activities** – Nancyjo Riekse.
 - Reported on activities for month of November.
 - Starting work on new 2008 Ag Guide.

- Two local restaurants want to find out about buying local produce.
 - Two growers in Placer County want to start producing Mandarin and Pomegranate juice.
- B. Economic Development Board (EDB) Update – Lyndell Grey.**
- Reported on reorganization of Economic Development Board and concern about the agricultural industry having only one person on Board and not having a sufficient voice in support of agriculture.
- C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor – Roger Ingram. No report**
- D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor – Cindy Fake.**
- Ag Futures Project – Twenty-five people met first week in December. Loren Clark talked about conservation in county, and population growth over the next 30 years.
 - Identified 3 major priorities for the Ag Futures Project;
 1. Outreach and Education:
Three grants written in past 2 weeks. Have moved farthest on this priority. Farm Business workshops on Tuesdays in January for 6 weeks. Companion Market Driven workshops on Thursdays in January for 6 weeks. Reminder of Farm Conference February 2 in Lincoln. End of February will have Ag Related/Community Resource Fair to talk about various associations and agencies that serve agriculture. Small Farms Progress Days has been separated into 4 separate day long workshops starting in the fall in Placer County. FFA (Future Farmers of America) teachers have students willing to do internships. Pilot internship starting this summer. May or may not be funded by then.
 2. Connecting People with Land:
Loren Clark, Planning Department, working on Database of preserved land that could potentially be used for farming, such as Placer Legacy land or Placer Land Trust land. Ag Futures Project needs more voice and support for Agriculture.
 3. UCC Cooperative Extension is selling note cards this year instead of calendars. Note cards are pictures of various Placer County agriculture with information about the product on the back.
- E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas/Minutes – Patti Beard. No report**
- F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update – William Morebeck. No report**
- G. Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Water Waivers – Christine E. Turner. No report**

VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Christine E. Turner, Agricultural Commissioner.

- Next Agricultural Commission Agenda for January 14; Caretaker Housing on Williamson Act Contract.
- Planning Commission was very supportive of Agricultural Commission's recommendations for the proposed Winery Ordinance. Continued to January 2008 for next Planning Commission Meeting. Recommended Planning Department staff to simplify the proposed ordinance using recommendations from Agricultural Commission with some additions from Planning Department.
- Brenner Williamson Act Contract/Liberty Hill Ranch Williamson Act Contract to be timed item on December 11, 2007 Board of Supervisor's Meeting.
- Reminder that all Pesticide Permits expire on December 31, 2007 and that an appointment needs to be made with Agriculture Department to renew before needing to spray. Cannot walk in without appointment to renew permit.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Alice Ferrari talked about immigration issue; definition of navigable water; and that the State wants farmers to go back to electricity and put in new diesel engines. Will have an impact on farmers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2007 at the Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary
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